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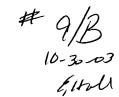
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#### Attorney Docket No. 1454.1043 Application Number 09/600,393 REPLY/AMENDMENT November 7, 2000 Filing Date FEE TRANSMITTAL Herbert BARTHEL et al. First Named Inventor **Group Art Unit** 2121 36.00 **Examiner Name** Edward F. GAIN AMOUNT ENCLOSED FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03) CLAIMS AS Claims Remaining Highest Number Number Previously Paid For Extra **AMENDED** After Amendment Rate Calculations TOTAL CLAIMS 2 X\$ 18.00 = 36.00 20 = 22 INDEPENDENT 0 3 = X \$ 86.00 =0.00 3 **CLAIMS** Since an Official Action set an original due date of , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)): If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320.00) If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00) Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00) 36.00 Total of above Calculations = Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28) TOTAL FEES DUE = 36.00 (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0". (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20". (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0". OCT 2 4 2003 (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3". Technology Center 2100 METHOD OF PAYMENT $\boxtimes$ Check enclosed as payment. Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below. No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date). GENERAL AUTHORIZATION If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to: Deposit Account No. 19-3935 Deposit Account Name STAAS & HALSEY LLP The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required 冈 under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application. SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP Typed Name John H. Stowe Reg. No. 32.863

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2003, applicants elect claims 10-13 of Group II, without traverse. Please CANCEL the non-elected claims 8 and 9, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 10-13 correspond to claims 9-12 as included in a Preliminary Amendment of July 14, 2000 and claims 8 and 9 correspond to claims 7 and 8 as included in the July 14, 2000 Preliminary Amendment.

It appears that the Examiner has renumbered the claims to correct an original error in assigning claim numbers in the Preliminary Amendment. To clarify the record, the elected claims and their dependencies have been appropriately renumbered as shown below in the second preliminary amendment portion of this paper.

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# <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Before examination of the elected claims on the merits, please enter the Amendment included herein.

No Amendment to the Specification, Abstract or Drawings is made herein.